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1. The Bulgarian Naval Academy in Varna is situated on Stephen Karadzha Street next to the Bulgarian Institute for the Blind.
2. The Commanding Officer of the academy is Colonel Papazov, former commander of the Danube Fleet.
3. The course of training at the academy consists of two years of secondary schooling and four years of college-level work, in which students take engineering, languages and other academic subjects, in addition to naval science and other allied military subjects.
4. Spring, summer and fall months are spent at the school and laboratories in Varna. During the summer, students are assigned to one of four vessels of 200 to 300 tons for summer cruises. Also practical engineering, artillery and naval tactics are taught in the summer at the naval base of Sozopol, south of Varna.
5. During 1950 there were approximately 1000 students at the Naval Academy. About half of these were quartered at the 8 Infantry Regiment barracks in Varna. This year's class of 500 new students was the largest ever admitted into the academy. The normal quota has been about 100 per year.
6. Students are chosen for training at the academy by competitive examinations in history, literature and mathematics. Applicants must make at least an average of 4.5 out of a possible 5.0 to qualify for admittance. Thorough physical examinations are given and only the most physically perfect applicants are admitted. Every applicant is screened by a political committee which makes the final decision in his acceptance for training. All applicants must be members of the Bulgarian People's Youth Union (SIM).
7. Students are graduated from the academy in the rank of lieutenant junior grade at a salary of 10,000 leva per month.

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